

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 6, 2003.

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. By the present amendment, claims 7, 10 and 14 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection in view of the amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By the Office Action, claims 7, and 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. '112, first paragraph as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

With respect to claim 7, clear support exists throughout the specification for "a priority rating of entries in the database application." For example, at page 9 line 27, it clearly states: "The directory service provider may also prioritize the listings of the search results in accordance with preferred partners. For example, entities, which pay for a higher listing priority, may be displayed in bold or at the top of the listing." The Applicant believes that adequate support exists in the specification to support claim 7. Claim 7, has also been amended to further clarify the claim. Reconsideration of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

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With respect to claims 10-13, the Examiner stated that there is no single integrated embodiment, which discloses directory assistance and voice mail together. The Applicant respectfully disagrees. The Examiner's attention is directed to FIG. 1, which includes the elements needed to provide directory service (display phone and database application 30) and voicemails services (voicemail server 16). Descriptions of both embodiments in the specification (see e.g., page 10, lines 17-20) are tied to apparatus shown in FIG. 1, and FIG. 1 shows all the elements in claims 1 and 10. It is therefore respectfully submitted that support for this combination of elements is clearly disclosed in FIGS. and that the inventor's had possession of the combination at the time the application was filed. The subject matter of claim 10 has been added to the Summary to provide a written description within the specification. Reconsideration of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

By the Office Action, claims 1-5, 8, 9 and 14-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. '102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,949,474 to Gerszberg et al. (hereinafter Gerszberg 1).

Gerszberg 1 is directed essentially to a video phone and a blocking mechanism therefore.

Gerszberg 1 discloses a telecommunication device that has virtual buttons (165) rendered on a screen for calling up directory services. However, the directory services provided by Gerszberg 1 are completely

different from the present invention. Gerszberg 1 is silent as to what type of services is provided when the directory service buttons are pressed. In fact, it is respectfully submitted that a conventional method such as a live operator is called when the virtual button is pressed. Gerszberg 1 does not disclose that a textual entry is displayed at a user's telecommunication device.

Claim 1 includes, *inter alia*, a telecommunication system, comprising a telecommunication device having a display for viewing textual information ... a database application which includes directory information, ... and a mechanism coupled to the telecommunication device such that when the mechanism is activated, a user is provided with access, through the DSL network, to directory information on the data base application, the directory information being provided to the display of the telecommunication device in response to user entered text information.

Nowhere in Gerszberg 1 is it disclosed or suggested that directory information be displayed on the telephone device. In fact, only the dialed number or the incoming call number is disclosed to be available for display in Gerszberg 1. (see, e.g., col. 6 lines 55-end). Since Gerszberg 1 fails to disclose or suggest at least that the directory information is provided to the display of the telecommunication device in response to user entered text information, reconsideration of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

Claim 14, includes *inter alia*, a method for providing textual directory services to an end-user through a digital subscriber line (DSL) telecommunication network, by initiating communication with a database application ... the telecommunication device having a display, selecting directory categories by entering keyed-in information from the telecommunication device; and receiving at least one directory entry in accordance with the keyed-in information on the display of the telecommunication device.

Gerszberg 1 fails to disclose or suggest at least: entering keyed-in information from the telecommunication device for selecting directory categories, and further fails to disclose or suggest receiving at least one directory entry in accordance with the keyed-in information on the display of the telecommunication device. As with claim 1, no disclosure or suggestion of receiving a text entry in response to a request for directory services is disclosed or suggested. Further, Gerszberg 1 does not provide for selecting directory categories based on keyed-in information, although types of directories may be selected by a user employing the system of Gerszberg 1. Since Gerszberg 1 fails to disclose or suggest at least receiving at least one directory entry in accordance with the keyed-in information on the display of the telecommunication device, reconsideration of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-5, 8, 9 and 14-19 are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated. However, other reasons exist for allowing these claims as well. For example, the services provided by the present invention can be requested during a phone call or when the phone is on-hook (see claims 8 and 9 and 18-19). Reconsideration of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

By the Office Action, claims 1-5, 8, 9 and 14-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. '102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,292,210 to Gerszberg et al. (hereinafter Gerszberg 2).

Gerszberg 2 appears to include the same system with similar disclosure of the features and functions as the system of Gerszberg 1. As such, Gerszberg 2 also fails to teach or suggest the elements as set forth in claims 1 and 14 above. Namely, Gerszberg 2 fails to disclose or suggest at least that the directory information is provided to the display of the telecommunication device in response to user entered text information, as recited in present claim 1. In addition, Gerszberg 2 fails to disclose or suggest at least receiving at least one directory entry in accordance with the keyed-in information on the display of the telecommunication device as recited in present claim 14. Reconsideration of the rejection is earnestly solicited for at least the reasons stated above.

By the Office Action, claims 6, 7, 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. '103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerszberg 1 or Gerszberg 2 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,269,337 to Desmond et al. (hereinafter Desmond).

The Examiner stated that Gerszberg 1 and Gerszberg 2 differ from the present invention in that these references do not reference business hours in the entry, but that it is well known that a user wants to know more information. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

Gerszberg 1 and Gerszberg 2 have been addressed above and do not even provide a text entry on a display responsive to a user's request. That a user desires more information is not sufficient to show that a textual display giving business hours (claim 6, and essentially claim 20) for a requested business or priority assigned to given businesses (claim 7 and essentially claim 21) is known. In fact, nowhere in Gerszberg 1, Gerszberg 2 and/or Desmond is such information disclosed or suggested to be textually displayed on a telecommunication device.

Desmond merely discloses a system where an enhanced database is provided. A user request will determine if an entry is available in an enhanced database. The enhanced database provides additional features for a business or individual. However, no priority is given to the entries within the enhanced database relative to one another. Therefore there is no "priority of entries in the database", as recited in present claims 7 and 21. Further, business hours are not provided as a text display on the telephone, as recited in claim 6, nor is an entry provided only when the business is open at the time the request was made for assistance a preferred database is directed to enhanced directory services, as recited in claim 20.

The Examiner cites col. 2 lines 15-20 to show a fee is required to get into a preferred database. However, no priority is given relative to entries within the preferred database as stated above and set forth in the present claims.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the cited combination fails to teach or suggest the present

invention as claimed. Desmond fails to cure the deficiencies of Gerszberg 1 and Gerszberg 2, and does not teach or suggest the elements that the Examiner suggests. Reconsideration of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

By the office action, claims 7 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. '103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerszberg 1 or Gerszberg 2 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,850,433 to Rondeau (hereinafter Rondeau).

The Examiner stated that Gerszberg 1 and Gerszberg 2 differ from the present invention in that these references do not reference preference criteria in a directory entry, but that it is well known that a user profile (e.g., preference criteria) be provided. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

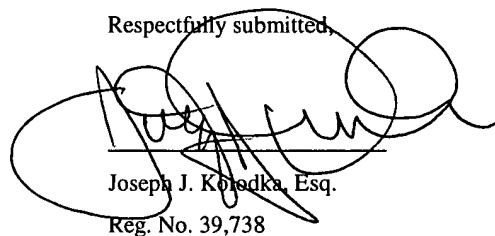
In the first instance, a user profile is not the equivalent to preference criteria, and no suggestion of equivalence of these terms is found in the Abstract of Rondeau. In addition, the preference criteria of the present invention are created relative to other entries (see above with reference to Desmond) in a database.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the cited combination fails to teach or suggest the present invention as claimed. Rondeau fails to cure the deficiencies of Gerszberg 1 and Gerszberg 2, and does not teach or suggest the elements that the Examiner suggests. Reconsideration of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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